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Civil Aviation Security Information Circular

Information of Concern to Aviation Security Personnel
 Current Security Procedures Should be Reviewed in Light of
 This Information

Subject: Increased Aviation Security Awareness in Light of Continued Threats
 from Osama bin-Laden
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INFORMATION: There is continuing concern that Osama bin-Laden and
 terrorist groups comprising the bin-Laden terrorist network are preparing to
 conduct further terrorist attacks against U.S. interests, which could include U.S.
 civil aviation. There is uncorroborated information to indicate the bin-Laden
 terrorist network is planning anti-U.S. terrorist operations in the wake of the U.S.
 missile strikes against terrorist related facilities in Afghanistan and Sudan, and
 the recent arrest of cadre members in Germany, the United Kingdom, East Africa
 and the United States.

The increased security at many U.S. Government facilities following the
 bombings of two U.S. Embassies in East Africa raises the possibility that bin-
 Laden may seek to attack other symbolic U.S. targets. Based on comments
 made by bin-Laden, and those claiming affiliation with the Saudi terrorist
 financier, these attacks could possibly include the hijacking or the destruction of
 a U.S. aircraft.

In a late May 1998 interview, bin-Laden implied he could use a shoulder-
 fired surface-to-air missile to shoot down a military passenger aircraft
 transporting U.S. military personnel. He reiterated that his attacks would
 not distinguish between U.S. civilians and military personnel. Bin-Laden
 has not disassociated himself from all who participated in the 1995 failed

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bomb plot against several U.S. civilian airliners in the Far East. Instead, bin-Laden publicly praised one would-be bomber and admitted to knowing him.

Following U.S. counterterrorist missile strikes on Sudan and Afghanistan in late August 1998, an Islamic leader in the United Kingdom stated Islamic militants had been mobilized to strike a significant U.S. or Israeli strategic target, to include bringing down or hijacking an aircraft. While this threat remains unsubstantiated, there is information from one of the incarcerated suspects in the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi that he received aircraft hijack training. The arrest and pending extradition of bin-Laden cadre raises the possibility of a U.S. airliner being hijacked in an effort to demand the release of incarcerated members.

Comment: The U.S. Government continues to take very seriously all threats related to the bin-Laden terrorist network. FAA continues to recommend that all civil aviation security personnel continue to demonstrate a high degree of alertness.

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